



PARTNERING TOGETHER



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Statewide Retreat a success!

We recently held our annual parent/caregiver retreat November 4-5 at the Quality Inn in Columbia, Missouri. We had great attendance once again having our room filled with a great mixture of parents/caregivers, moms, dad's, and grandparents and even some siblings. Our first evening took off with a movie theme dinner including hot dogs, nachos, and soda. After playing Family Partnership jeopardy, the groups were awarded candy for the points they acquired. The evening ended, and everyone was let out to prepare for the next day. Again attendance was high, and participants were lectured and humored by Dr. James Meyer on stress, finance, and family. I think all would agree that Dr. Meyer touched their daily lives in some way. Susan Robinson and associate from the Missouri School Nurses Association talked to the group about school nurses and how to connect. Ending our day was Doris Weber with LifeCare Planning. Doris shared her personal experience on life care planning with her own children, as well as experiences with others she has worked with and how important planning ahead is. Door prizes were awarded as well as prizes from exhibitors. Please look for future mailouts regarding our next retreat as well as each family partner's regional meetings held throughout the state.



Check out the new exclusive listserv for Missouri families of children with special needs participating in the Family Partnership program

To subscribe, send an email to:
MO-FP-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



The Missouri Planning Council is seeking highly motivated men and women to participate in the Partners in Policymaking sessions for 2006. Thirty (30) participants will be chosen to take advantage of what for some has been a life changing experience. Partners is an intensive leadership-training program for self-advocates and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. Those that have not been actively involved in existing advocacy organizations are especially sought for Partners.

Applications are due December 5, 2005.

The 2006 sessions will take place in St. Louis for each session with the exception of April, which is held in Jefferson City. If you'd like an application, please call 1-800-500-7878 or go to www.mpcdd.com for more information.



With Christmas just around the corner, what could be more stressful than shopping with a child that wanders off? Christmas time is especially busy, but some kids have no fear of danger or wandering off at any time of the year. Here are some items available to those of you that have experienced a wandering child, or one getting lost in the crowd. Ionkids is a new technology that enables parents/caregivers to monitor and locate their children/dependents regardless of where they are. This consists of a "wrist-tag" is worn by the child/dependent and the base unit by the parent/caregiver. Call 888-846-6543 or go to www.ionkids.com

Also, to keep them just a few feet away, check out kid messenger. Call Care Trak at 800-842-4537 or go to www.caretrak.com for more information.

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Check out our **NEW** Website!

www.dhss.mo.gov/FamilyPartnership/

I will be hosting a regional meeting in the Columbia area in January 2006 as well as on in the St. Charles area in April 2006. Be looking for registrations to attend. If you have suggestions of topics, please call or email me.

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**Have a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year!**

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